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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: Catherine Smedile

Employing Office/Committee: Young

Private Sponsor(s) (List all): CARE

Travel Date(s): February 17-23, 2017

Description/Title of Attached Forms: PSTCF (complete copy)

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Post-travel submission is incomplete. Complete copy of the PSTCF was not submitted to the Office of Public Records in SH-232.

4.3.17
(Date)

Catherine M Smedile
(Signature of Traveler)



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January 11, 2017

Cassie Smedile
Communications Director
Office of Senator Todd Young
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Dear Cassie,

We are approaching you with a special opportunity to join CARE's Learning Tour to Bangladesh during the President's Day congressional recess. This trip will take place **February 17 – February 23, 2017** (including travel) and will allow you to examine the importance of U.S. investments in women's empowerment and sustainable development. The delegation will include communications staffers, as well as key leaders from the Administration, corporate sector and technical experts.

On your journey, you will see some of the strongest and most robust U.S. foreign assistance programs in the world and meet with beneficiaries in Bangladesh to see firsthand how critical U.S. investments are making a difference. You'll learn from experts on the ground, including the private sector and local partners, who are working toward solutions at the community level, as well as government decision-makers who implement those solutions on the national stage in Bangladesh.

One of the most densely populated nations in the world located in a rapidly changing geo-political region, Bangladesh's development challenges are complex and varied. Its economy has experienced rapid growth in the last 15 years, however this hasn't necessarily translated to higher standards of living and empowerment for all Bangladeshis. Currently one in three Bangladeshis live in poverty and 36 percent of children under age 5 have stunted development resulting from food and nutrition insecurity.

Poverty and poor health outcomes are further compounded by gender inequality and strict social norms which often deepen the vulnerability of the nation's most marginalized populations, particularly women and girls. For example, the rate of child marriage for girls in Bangladesh is one of the highest in the world and violence against women remains a formidable problem.

This Learning Tour will be a unique opportunity to explore these issues on the ground through a communications lens. On the trip, you will learn about the challenges and successes a woman in Bangladesh faces at key points throughout her life, from girls' education, to adolescent and maternal health services, to food and nutrition security, to economic empowerment. You will learn about the life of a woman in Bangladesh firsthand and return to Washington, DC with the ability to tell her story, as well as the story of U.S. investment in foreign assistance.

In order to allow sufficient time for planning, we would appreciate a response indicating your interest in joining by **Monday, January 16, 2017**. I have asked Rachel Hall to provide further details on the trip and answer any questions you may have. You can also reach her directly at Rachel.Hall@care.org or (202) 569-7027.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

David Ray
Vice President for Policy & Advocacy and Head of Office
CARE USA

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)

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 I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

- OR -

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

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If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

CARE is host to the delegation and is responsible for logistics, content of the trip and post-trip follow up.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provided general support for this initiative as part of a broader grant.

but played no role in organizing the trip and its participants.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization focused on combating global poverty. We place a special

emphasis on women and girls because when they are equipped with the proper resources they help their

families and communities escape poverty. CARE has operated in Bangladesh since 1949.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

CARE hosts congressional trips as an educational opportunity to see development work firsthand.

Since 2009, we have hosted twenty-three trips with members of Congress and their staff.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

CARE International works in over 90 countries around the world implementing programming as well as promoting visibility on issues important to ending global poverty and leading advocacy toward local and international actors to prioritize poverty-combatting initiatives.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$2,081	\$810	\$318	Interpreters, Security, Insurance, Visas: \$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	See Addendum C for estimate details.			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip was arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The U.S. government is an important development partner in Bangladesh sharing an interest in sustainable programs to combat poverty and empower women and girls in Bangladesh.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Westin Hotel - Dhaka, Bangladesh

Rose View Hotel - Sylhet, Bangladesh

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotels above offer western accommodations with ample security for the trip's activities.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The U.S. Government per diem rate for lodging in Dhaka is \$200/night and Sylhet \$105/night.

The U.S. Government per diem rates for meals in Dhaka is \$90/day and Sylhet \$69/day.

Our costs are at these rates.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

The delegation will fly coach class to and from Bangladesh. The delegation will fly on a Novo Air

(local airline - coach equivalent) flight for internal travel in Bangladesh.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

No entertainment will be provided on this trip.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Robert Roche, Director, Learning Tours

Name of Organization: Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc. (CARE)

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Addendum A:
Names and titles of ALL Senate invitees and explanation of why the individual was invited.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Senate Agriculture Committee
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Leadership Offices

- **Sean Bartlett, Communications Director – Senate Foreign Relations Committee Minority Staff**
- **Torrie Matous, Press Secretary – Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL)**
- **Chris Gallegos, Communications Director – Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Staff**
- **Stephen Worley, Deputy Communications Director – Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Staff**
- **Cassie Smedile, Communications Director – Senator Todd Young (R-IN)**
- **Ben Marter, Communications Director – Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)**
- **David Carle, Press Secretary – Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)**
- **Micah Johnson, Communications Director – Senate Foreign Relations Committee Majority Staff**
- **Amanda Maddox, Press Secretary – Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)**
- **Chris Harris, Press Secretary – Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)**
- **Kaylin Minton, Press Secretary – Senator Jim Risch (R-ID)**
- **Giselle Barry, Press Secretary – Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)**
- **Jason Samuels, Communications Director – Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)**
- **Matt House, Communications Director – Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)**
- **Ryan Nickel, Communications Director – Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)**
- **Haley Dorgan, Press Secretary – Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)**
- **Jenna Mason, Press Secretary – Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)**
- **Alex Burgos, Communications Director – Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)**

Addendum B:

Cities of Departure:

Friday, February 17, 2017:

10:55pm – Depart Washington, DC (Turkish Air #08)

Saturday, February 18, 2017:

4:05pm – Arrive Istanbul, Turkey

6:15pm – Depart Istanbul, Turkey (Turkish Air #712)

Sunday, February 19, 2017:

5:30am – Arrive Dhaka, Bangladesh

Thursday, February 23, 2017:

7:00am – Depart Dhaka, Bangladesh (Turkish Air #713)

12:10pm – Arrive Istanbul, Turkey

2:05pm – Depart Istanbul, Turkey (Turkish Air #07)

7:05pm – Arrive Washington, DC

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Addendum C:

- Transportation Estimation per person - \$2,081
 - Flight estimation: \$1,000
 - Vehicles: \$1,000
 - Internal flight: \$81
- Lodging Estimation per person – \$810
 - \$200 per night x 3 nights (Dhaka) = \$600*
 - \$105 per night x 2 night (Sylhet) = \$210
- Meals Estimation per person - \$318
 - \$90 (USG M&I per diem for Dhaka) x 2 days = \$180
 - \$69 (USG M&I per diem for Sylhet) x 2 days = \$138
- Other Expenses Estimation per person - \$1,000
 - Visa -- \$210
 - Security -- \$590
 - Interpreter -- \$100
 - Travel Insurance -- \$100

*Note: Because the delegation is arriving so early on the 19th after more than a 20 hour flight from the U.S., the hotel is requiring us to reserve rooms for the delegates on the 18th to ensure the rooms are available when the delegation arrives early in the morning on Feb. 19, 2017.

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